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Youth celebrate Christian Endeavor Week at the birthplace of the first society. Rev. W. Lloyd Williams, minister of Williston Congregational Church, Portland, Maine, where Christian Endeavor was organized February 2, 1881, is shown with some of the members of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society in front of the plaque telling of the founding of the movement.

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Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

Your Vacation — An Investment

Plan now to make your vacation this summer the best you have ever had. You can do this by placing on your schedule the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention to be staged in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16. Time spent at such a gathering will mean spiritual inspiration, fellowship with youth from all over North America, relaxation, and recreation. This will be a great investment for any youth or youth leader. Churches will find it "profitable" to send young people. Some societies have formed saving funds so that youth can be putting away money for expenses each week. Many groups are planning to come by way of auto caravans, Hotel, dormitory, and home housing accommodations in Columbus will be very reasonable. Registration campaigns are now on. Register now and get set for "the time of your life." Subscription contests are being held by *The Christian Endeavor World* and *Junior CE Meetings*, with the top awards being trips to Columbus or cash. Details may be secured from International headquarters.

In Our 75th Year

Christian Endeavor has entered its 75th year. A variety of services, projects and events took place marking the 74th birthday of the pioneer youth movement. It was a glorious celebration which stimulated new action. More poster panels were placed than ever before. There was a record sale of Christian Endeavor Week packets. Plans are underway for an extra special celebration of the diamond anniversary in 1956.

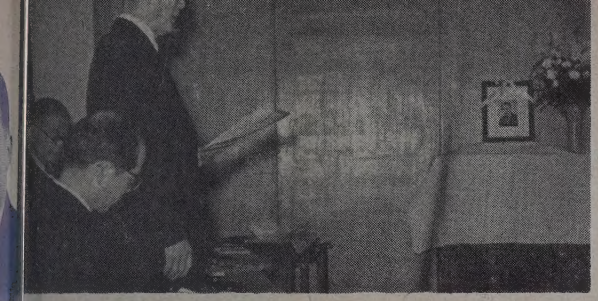
Lest We Forget — G. I. Joe!

It is easy to forget—particularly when people are out of our sight. Millions of our youth are still in the military and more will be entering. Endeavorers must not neglect their own members who are away, but should seek to be of help to them. There are chaplains to help the spiritual lives of these men and women, but these men of God can not possibly do the entire job. The assistance of each one of us is needed. The United Fellowship of Protestants is endeavoring to be of service. Christian Endeavor is one of the organizations cooperating with this united effort. Local societies can keep in touch with their members who are away. A leaflet on what groups back home can do is among several helpful publications put out by the United Fellowship of Protestants. These leaflets can be secured from Rev. Joseph Dana, Director, United Fellowship of Protestants, 122 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington 2, D.C. Booklets, *Guide for Christian Living*, which contain devotional material helpful to those in military service, are available without charge to Christian Endeavor youth who are in the armed forces or who are entering. These may be obtained by writing to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

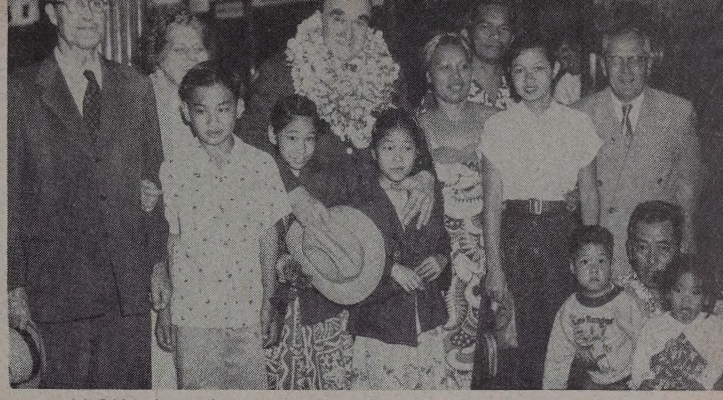
An Evangelistic Opportunity

As Christians are looking to the celebration of Easter there is real opportunity for evangelistic efforts with young people. Societies can take part in their church's special efforts or have an evangelistic program of their own. A leaflet, "How To Win Youth," giving details on evangelistic endeavors, has been written by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, vice-president of International Society. This is available through Christian Endeavor headquarters at Columbus.

Gene Stone



MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. BRYAN — Bishop Y. Abe, chairman of board of directors of Japan C.E. Union, pays tribute to life of the late President of International Society at meeting in Tokyo January 19 when Dr. Daniel A. Poling visited country. Seated (left to right) are Rev. R. Kato, Rev. R. Simoliara, Rev. J. M. Fujita (partially hidden), a delegate to World Convention in Washington, and Rev. K. Kodaira.



ALOHA IN HONOLULU — Endeavorers greet Dr. Poling on arrival in Hawaii. Pictured (left to right) are Rev. and Mrs. Penn Howard, Daniel Yanagihara, Faith and Anita Nomura, Mr. and Mrs. William Donlin, Gladys Wong, and Rev. John Mulhollan, chaplain at Kamehamaha School. At lower right is Walter Nomura, president of Territory of Hawaii C.E. Union, with his son, Andrew, and daughter, Francine. Photo by Joseph Dizon.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling Reports—

Christian Endeavor Is On The March Around The World

I have just reached London, after one of the most inspiring Christian Endeavor missions of my life.

In Hawaii I met again with those radiant Endeavorers who helped make the Washington, D.C., World's Convention of July, 1954, a dynamic and inspiring memory. Again I heard the great choir sing. I was honored at a reception where I met the members individually, and on Sunday, January 9, a splendid rally was held in the Cathedral Church, the Westminster Abbey of the Islands.

Both Walter Nomura and William Donlin traveled with me to Molokai, where I spent an unforgettable afternoon and night with the Christian Endeavorers—the patients, their attendants and friends—in that once tragic colony made famous by Father Damien. Here Christian love and human kindness have wrought a 20th Century miracle of spiritual and physical healing. This society was Ernest Bryan's "favorite" and so now let it be mine!

January, 1955, had six Sundays! And I can prove it!! I spent Sunday, January 16, all day and until 10:30 p.m., in the Fiji Islands. I then flew 3,200 miles to Honolulu and arrived at 2:30 p.m. on the same day, Sunday, January 16! The International Date Line gave me the extra day, but then took it right back for, after a happy Sunday evening with the Hawaiian Choir and in the home of Walter Nomura's parents, I took off for Tokyo and woke on Tuesday, January 18. I had completely lost Monday, the 17th. Again the Date Line was responsible.

Meetings In Fiji and Japan

In Fiji I met with the Rev. S. G. C. Cowled and other leaders of the Methodist Mission. Church leaders in Suva are eager to have the 1956 Area Christian Endeavor Conference held there. We would be given a royal reception indeed. On Saturday night, January 15, I met with and spoke to more than 800 young Fijian Christians. They are a gracious and loyal company. More than 87% of all native Fijians are members of the Methodist Church, which is directed by Australian Methodism.

In Tokyo I sat down with officers of the Japan Christian Endeavor Union and, with several of the fine young people who have become Life-Work Recruits for full-time Christian Service. Our World's Union Vice-President Kojiro Hata is especially devoted to this timely and significant program. Our Japanese Christian Endeavorers would be happy to have us consider Tokyo for the 1956 Area Conference, and certainly wherever the Conference may be held, special deputations should visit other centers in the vast Pacific region.

Editor's Note—*This report to Christian Endeavorers was written by the President of the World's Union when in London, England. Dr. Poling is now in the United States.*

Renewed C. E. Activity In Korea

In Korea I had the surprise of all my Christian Endeavor travel experiences. I found a restored movement of our worldwide fellowship with more than 73,000 active members. These Endeavorers are enrolled in more than 1,500 societies and 17 unions. The chairman of all Korean Christian Endeavor is Sungsoo Whang, who is also a member of the National Assembly and chairman of the Assembly's Committee on International Affairs. A great rally, attended by more than 1,500 Christian Endeavorers and their friends, was held in the large and beautiful Korean Presbyterian Church which has been completed since the war. More than half the rally congregation was made up of young men, many of them in uniform.

On this journey I have visited 14 homes and orphanages supported by the Christian Children's Fund. Of these, nine are *Christian Herald* homes. In Korea alone there are now 72 Christian Children's Fund institutions in which the Fund supports more than 8,000 boys and girls, some of them small babies. I met with our Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine chaplains, and everywhere these splendid clergymen in uniform supported my mission and helped make possible my maximum efficiency in reaching the largest possible number of our own men as well as the children who are our special care.

Visits Rhees and Chiangs

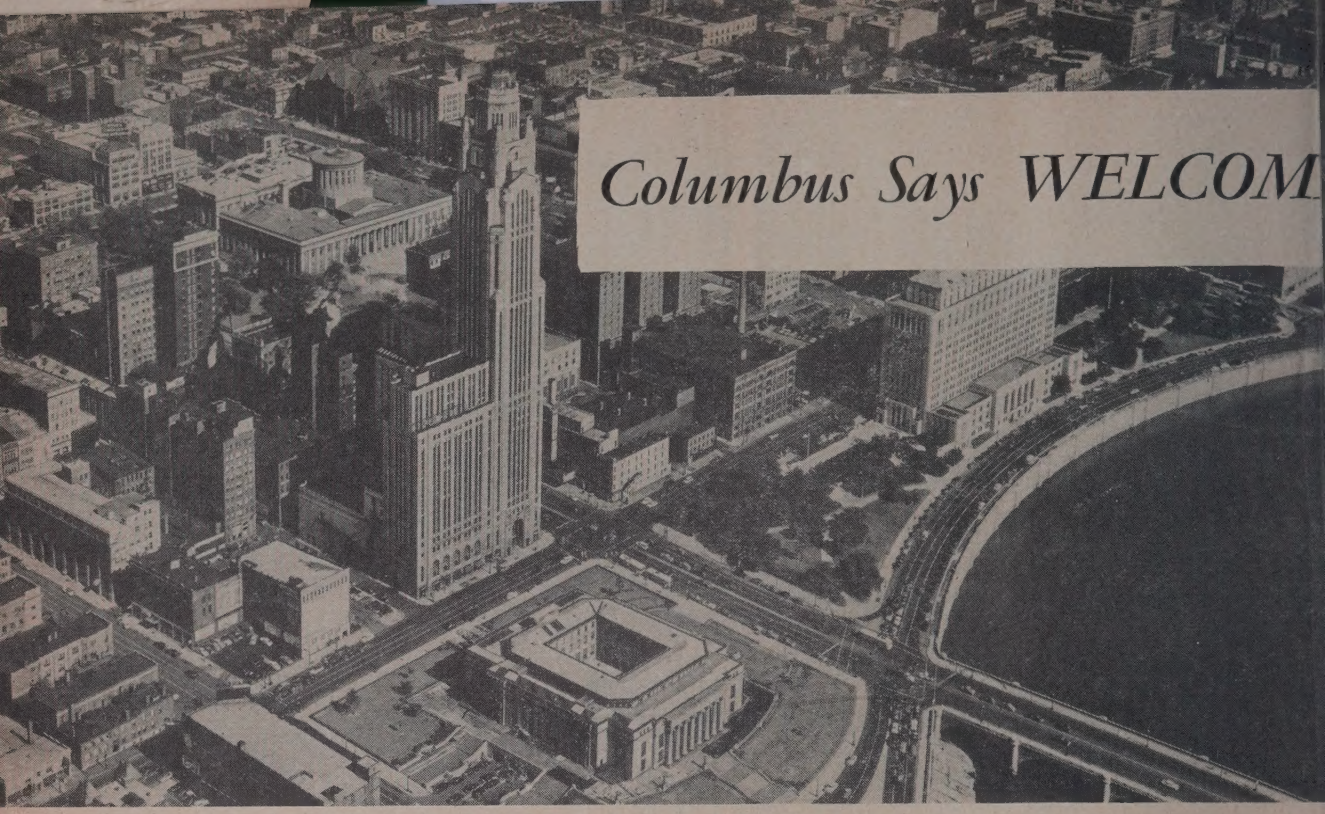
President Rhee and Mrs. Rhee attended my Sunday morning service in the Chapel of the Eighth Army, and on Monday morning I had an intimate, and to me inspiring, talk with this heroic leader of the forces of freedom in the Far East.

On Formosa I was the house guest of the Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek. I spoke to the Madam's personal prayer group and was reminded that she and her husband were special sponsors of the Tenth World's Christian Endeavor Convention which met in Melbourne, Australia, in 1938.

It is an inspiring fact that the Chiangs and President Rhee, these supreme figures in the public affairs of the East, are not only Christians but perhaps they are the finest flowering of 100 years of Christian missionary enterprise in China and Korea.

Memorial Services For Dr. Bryan

In both Tokyo and Honolulu simple but deeply moving memorial services were held for our beloved friend and leader, Dr. Ernest R. Bryan. His sudden translation from time to eternity has left an ache in the Christian Endeavor heart of the world. But around the world I have seen the movement he loved and served, on the march and our memories of him will inspire us to yet greater things for Christ and the Church.



Columbus Says WELCOM

Portion of Civic Center and Downtown Columbus

Pictured at lower center is City Hall. In the center toward the left is the 550 foot LeVeque-Lincoln Tower. The first 17 floors of this building are a portion of the Deshler Hilton which will be the headquarters hotel for the convention. In the center of the picture the building with the round tower is the State Capitol. At lower right is a part of the Scioto River. The structure alongside the river toward the right of picture is the Ohio State Office Building.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, will "belong" to the Christian Endeavorers of North America July 11-16.

The capital city of the Buckeye State is getting set to entertain the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention when more than 4,000 youth are expected to participate.

Columbus, which is the largest of the 18 cities and towns in the country named for the discoverer of the New World, is well situated and offers conveniences and attractions for young America. Two-thirds of the population of the United States are within a 500 mile radius of the city. It ranks 28th in the United States with an estimated population January 1, 1955, of 419,889 in the city proper and 582,388 in the metropolitan area. It is the third largest convention city in the country.

Fine facilities are available for the housing of delegates in hotels, motels, dormitories, and homes. The Deshler Hilton, one of the finest hotels in America, will be the headquarters. Many teenagers will stay at the dormitories of Capital University.

Columbus is located on U.S. Route 40, is served by five of th nation's leading railroads, 12 bus lines, and two transcontinenta and one local air line. Its airport is one of the nation's busiest.

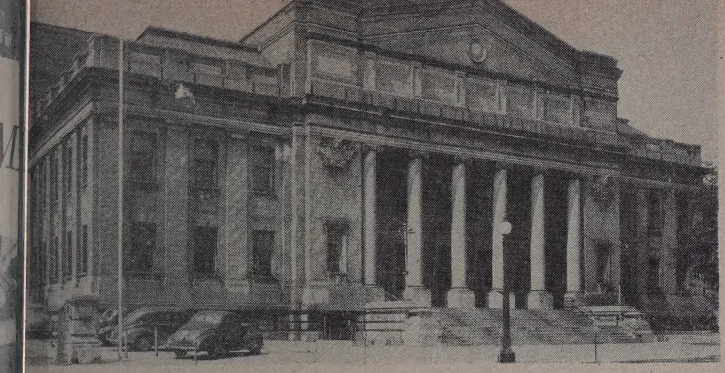
Columbus is the home of more than 800 diversified industrie and is the center of a great agricultural state in which incom per acre of its farmers is twice that of the average in th United States.

The banquet at the convention will be on the campus of Ohi State University, which is the sixth largest in the country an one of the foremost of the world. It has ten colleges, a graduat school, and 88 departments. Morning sessions of the convention will be at Capital University, which besides Ohio State is one o seven colleges and universities in the immediate Columbus area

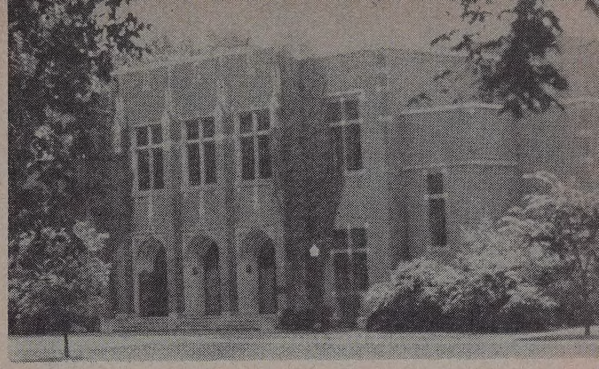
Metropolitan Columbus has 400 churches. It is now know as the Rose Capital of the world with its famous Park of Roses A famous art gallery and many other cultural institutions ar located in the Buckeye capital.

An Invitation —

"Come To Columbus and Discover America"



Memorial Hall



Mees Hall, Capital University

Convention Scenes

MEMORIAL HALL—Evening mass meetings will be conducted in Columbus' veterans building, which has a seating capacity of 3,500.

MEES HALL—Quiet Hour services and the general morning sessions will be held in this large auditorium located on the campus of Capital University, which is affiliated with the American Lutheran Church.

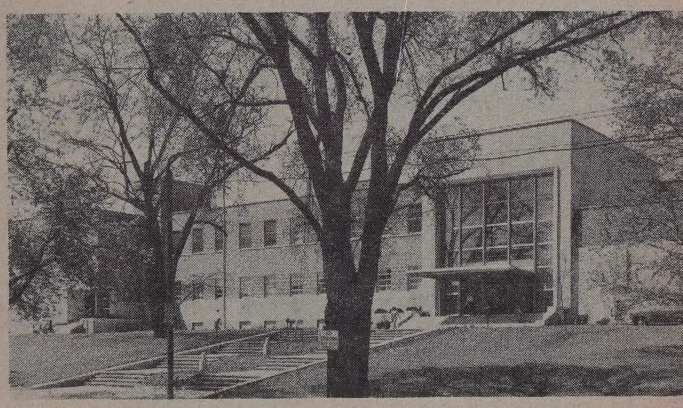
STATE CAPITOL—Endeavorers will be visiting this government building in the heart of Columbus. It is expected that delegates will gather at the state capitol prior to the forming of the convention parade on Saturday.

THE OHIO UNION—The fellowship banquet will be held in the new, beautiful, four-and-a-half million dollar structure of Ohio State University.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR HEADQUARTERS—Offices of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the World's Christian Endeavor Union are in the Daniel A. Poling Building at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus. Time is scheduled on the convention program for a visitation of this "Youth Capitol."

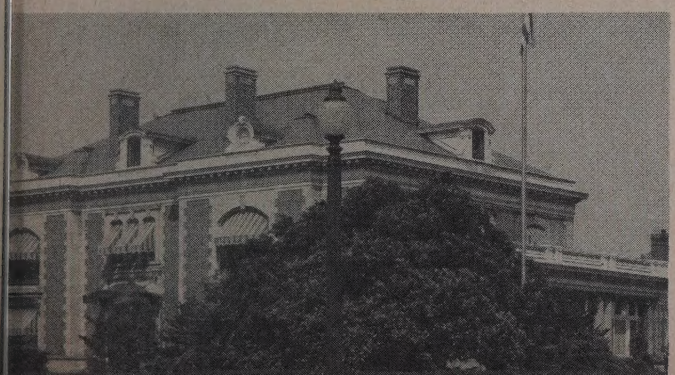
GOVERNOR'S MANSION—The home for the governor of Ohio is located directly across the street from Christian Endeavor headquarters. This will be one of the many places youth will see on sight-seeing tours.

State Capitol



The Ohio Union, Ohio State University

Governor's Mansion



Christian Endeavor Headquarters

SIGNS PROCLAMATION—Mayor M. E. "Jack" Sensenbrenner of Columbus, Ohio, pens name to document proclaiming Christian Endeavor Week. Leaders of Franklin County Union shown with the executive are (left to right) Lee Smith, finance chairman; Marilyn Burton, vice-president; Robert F. Hildreth, president; and Eleanor Schneider, recording secretary.

JUNIORS ENJOY BIRTHDAY PARTY—Some of the members at Grace Evangelical and Reformed Church, Frederick, Maryland, are shown at banquet. Mrs. Warren Smith is superintendent. George Z. Best, pictured in back row to the right, was the president of the first Christian Endeavor society in Frederick County in 1892.

JUNIORS LEARN THROUGH MAGIC—Juniors of Bethany Evangelical Congregational society of Lehighton, Pennsylvania, listen to their pastor, Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart, give a lesson through magic at anniversary meeting. Shown (left to right) are Lillian Hibbler, Wilmar Haupt, Norma Lee Steinhart, Mildred Dorward, and Carl Fronheiser.

Many Happy Returns

Youth Celebrate

YOUTH blew out candles on Christian Endeavor's birthday cake and then lit torches to light their way to new advances.

As Endeavorers paid tribute to the glory of the past, they faced new goals for the advancement of the Christian Endeavor movement around the world.

Special church services, projects, radio and television programs, display of poster panels, window displays, and banquets were among the activities of Christian Endeavor Week.

Proclamations were issued by many civic authorities urging people to observe Christian Endeavor Week. Among those making statements on the Week were Governor Frank J. Lausche of Ohio, Governor Allan Shivers of Texas, Governor Christian A. Herter of Massachusetts, and Mayor M. E. "Jack" Sensenbrenner, Columbus, Ohio.

Massachusetts

A radio program using as the theme Dr. Francis E. Clark's message, "Hold Fast to the Pledge," was presented on Christian Endeavor Sunday by the Middlesex County Union over Radio Station WHDH.

A birthday rally of Endeavorers of eastern Massachusetts was held in Park Street Congregational Church, Boston, February 6.

Nicaragua

New officers were installed by the Christian Endeavor society at Puerto Cabezas Christian Endeavor Sunday. Special outdoor services were held each night during Christian Endeavor Week. A birthday party was also conducted. Mrs. I. P. Lewis is sponsor of the group.

Colorado

Helena Knox, high school senior and member of the Denver 7th Day Baptist Church, was chosen "Christian Endeavorer of the Year" from a group of outstanding young people nominated by various churches represented in the Denver District Union. She was interviewed during Christian Endeavor Week on a television program, "These Kids of Ours," over station KOA-TV. A special award of a $25 bond and the designation of "Champ of the Week" was also presented to Helena.

Tennessee

Smoky Mountain District staged their anniversary banquet January 31 in Knoxville, Tenn., when Rev. Glen Wheeler, minister of First Christian Church, Harriman, was speaker. Desmond Tease from Sydney, Australia, a student at Johnson Bible College, led singing. Cathi Norrod gave a dramatic monologue. Jimmy Carpenter, formerly of Texas Christian Endeavor, presented ideas of how to begin a project against obscene literature. The group adopted this idea and a committee was chosen to work on it. Those selected are Mike Hilton, Rick Buvia, Bob Adcock, Charlotte Gilmore, and Robert E. Black.

Radio programs were presented during Christian Endeavor Week by members of the society of Maryville Christian Church and First Christian Church of Newport. The Christian Church of Liberty held a party February 5.

Texas

Governor Allan Shivers issued a proclamation urging the observance of Youth Week—Christian Endeavor Week.

The Greater Dallas Union held its banquet February 4. Jack Graf of Mercedes, president of the student body at Texas Christian University and former president of the Rio Grande Valley District of Christian

CE — 1881

It's easy for Russell Gowdey, president of the New York State Union to remember the year Christian Endeavor was organized. He can glance at his new auto tags and there it is—"CE-1881."

Look to Future

ndeavor, was toastmaster. Roy Eckard of Irving, led in singing. Martha oan of Rowlett, is president of the union with Mrs. Mary Ogden anquet chairman.

Kansas

South Central District held its annual banquet January 29 at Lorraine Mennonite Church, Wichita. Don Mardock was speaker with Dr. Lowell Roberts as master of ceremonies.

Indiana

The Northeastern Indiana Christian Endeavor Union held a birthday banquet January 31, at Huntington. A unique feature was the fact that Endeavorers of many nations were present. These included Dr. Y. T. Chiu, Hong Kong, China; Alfred Akinwumi, Nigeria, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lall, India; B. R. Shelar, India; Don Betterly, Burton Weber, and Dorothy Betterly, Canada; Rev. A. G. Hassessian, Beirut, Lebanon, and Mrs. Franklin Vermalen and son, Weisbaden, Germany. College students in attendance represented a great many States of the United States.

Rev. A. G. Hassessian spoke on Christian Endeavor activities in Lebanon and issued an invitation for everyone to be in attendance at the next World's C. E. Convention to be held in Beirut, Lebanon, 1958. Julian Moran, Leroy, Indiana, was the speaker with Marcus Burkholder as toastmaster.

Area officers elected are Hazel Steager, president; Rev. Dale Osborn, vice president; Mrs. Dean Bennett, secretary; John Foster, treasurer; Rev. S. C. Martin, pastor-counsellor, and Dr. R. W. Rash, executive advisor.

Rev. Richard P. Thickins of Whiting, was toastmaster at the anniversary banquet of Valpo District at Ross Reformed Church, near Gary, Indiana, January 28 when Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of International Society, was speaker. Erma Jean McDonald is president of the district.

North Carolina

Annual birthday banquet was staged in First Evangelical and Reformed Church, High Point, February 5 with Rev. Arnold Robertson as toastmaster.

New York

First Church of Evans, Derby, New York, started a youth round-up for church and community on Christian Endeavor Sunday. This affair continued until February 18 and included visitation of youth by teams and a banquet. More than 200 youth and adults participated in the planning and execution of the visitation and dinners. Rev. Earle W. Gates is pastor of the church. The five Christian Endeavor societies and other youth groups participated.

Rev. Albert Van Dyke of Hudson, New York, spoke at the annual banquet of Monroe County Union in First Reformed Church, Rochester. Television showings were presented in Rochester over stations WHAM, WHEC, WVET. These were prepared by Rev. Carlton Harrison of Laurelton United Presbyterian Church.

A highlight of the celebration was an alumni gathering at Rochester Y.M.C.A.

Orange County (N.Y.) Union conducted a rally at First Congregational Church, Middletown, New York, January 30. Rev. William Irish, pastor of Ellenville Reformed Church, spoke at the evening session. Conferences were held in the afternoon together with a banquet.

W. W. Clark, 92 years, was the oldest member attending the Christian Endeavor rally in North Congregational Church, Middletown. Clarence E. Mapes, who joined the society in Howells in 1890, was among the oldest present at the meeting.

More news and pictures of the celebration of Christian Endeavor Week will appear in the next issue of The World.

Christian Endeavor — 74 Years In Service

GOVERNOR MAKES STATEMENT—Watching Governor Christian A. Herter sign paper urging observance of 74th anniversary of Christian Endeavor are (left to right) Betty Jean Harris of Winthrop; Norman H. Purdy, field secretary of the Massachusetts Union; Erling A. Hanson, Jr., of Jamaica Plain; David Wong of Salem; and Jean Woodward of Chelsea.

MARYLAND GROUP MEETS—Leaders of the Montgomery County Union are shown at anniversary rally held February 6 in Community Hall, Boyds, Maryland.

NEW YORKERS CELEBRATE—Television programs and an alumni gathering were among special activities during Christian Endeavor Week in Monroe County. Participants shown are: Standing (left to right) Bill Brown, former state president; Edward Stickney, former county president; William L. Wright; Gene Alhart, former state president and member of finance committee International Society; Norman Esterheld, and George Field, former county president. Seated (left to right) Nannie Patterson and Irene Stickney.

Where He Leads Me..

by Bert H. Davis

AT Easter we visualize an open tomb, filled with heavenly light. But there is more than an empty sepulchre in the Easter experience, for our Lord goes forward in His mission to men.

A highway, a pathway of service, leads away from the grand experience of Easter morning.

You will find the first guidepost on that dusty, difficult road set in place before the women who came to visit the tomb. The mourners come upon a scene of dramatic change. The stone has been thrust aside, the seal is broken, the sepulchre glows with light.

"Fear not ye," says the angel. "He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee."

We Walk In Faith

Ever and always, in the glorious life of the Church, *Jesus goes before us, showing the way.* He leads. He blazes the new trail. In His footsteps we of the Christian flock walk in faith, knowing He came this way before us.

The eleven who had lost hope at Calvary soon caught up with the risen Lord. But their joy was not for them alone nor was it something belonging only in a distant century. Today is His day also. Following the Jesus who leads us into and through the storms of life and to the throne of God is this age's most important current event.

Though we do not see Him in the flesh, the Saviour moves among twentieth century men and women. In His name and by His power, the believing are cleansed of sin . . . the sick are comforted and healed . . . God's good news is preached and testified to . . . the grieving win new hope . . . unselfish service is given by Christians in Africa and Asia — and in our own communities . . . children learn to pray . . . countless prayers of old and young are answered. The greatest continued story of all times moves ahead by one more wonderful chapter every day.

Ours is not a religion based in some holy city or a few sacred shrines. Jesus led three of His followers to the Mount of Transfiguration, but the place was never marked as sacred. Instead the Master brought His men quickly to the places where crowds gathered and the needs of the many pressed in upon them. There are multitudes of "holy places" in Christianity: churches where His message is proclaimed . . . homes where love abounds and many prayers ascend . . . hospitals where Christian love walks in a starched uniform . . . shops in which a worker hears the still voice of the Spirit above the rumble of machines . . . places where Christian love rises above the color line . . . publishing houses . . . schools . . . recreation centers . . . and many, many more.

The Galilee to which the Son of God summoned His disciples that Easter morning is only the first of uncounted places to which Jesus leads us and to which we go, ready to serve.

Called To Witness

The peculiar value of the church and its service groups, including the Young Adult units, is in merging and implementing the witness and service which each alert Christian wants to give. Leaders in the church and its units have responsibilities which are common to no other agencies for joint effort. When you undertake Christian leadership, you are accepting a commission to organize, plan and direct some part of the Christian mission to mankind. You become a part-time minister for God. You should feel *called* to these tasks under Christian sponsorship, as does the ordained minister who makes Christian service a life-work.

Thank God for such a call! The work of volunteers, part-time leaders, is a soul-stirring feature of the Christian cause. Such opportunities make it possible for the loyal believer to multiply what would otherwise be lonely and individual service to Christ. He who attracts and aids and counsels others to follow Christ more effectively, more usefully, has responded well to the call, "Follow thou me."

Divine Help Assured

In whatever the leader does in the service of Christ, he is assured of divine help and of power from outside himself. He again, there is no other leadership like Think of the resources you may call o if you really commit yourself unselfishly a without concern for personal glory to Chr tian tasks!

But you owe to such a mission mo than mere willingness to be an instrume placed in God's hands. If Christ leads yo into music, and you have the opportuni to lead others, be ready to invest time, ta ents and training to the fullest. If you a summoned to head a committee, know th committee's duties, learn the backgrounds your committee members, advise and aid th members in their work, plot progress an suggest further steps, seek such help as yo need from the whole unit when that is r quired to perform your mission.

Watch how a devoted and efficient pa tor secures the widest possible cooperatio from his church membership. Then appl somewhat similar means in your smaller a signment. You too have been given respon sibilities to lead, following after the gre Leader, who goes before you into Galile

Consult often with other workers an leaders. Know your job, through readin about it, studying the possibilities, prayin for opened eyes to see the Master's will fo your work.

Try To Measure Up

Some will question, "Should I be an of ficer, a chairman, a leader — when the re sponsibilities are so great?" Try to measur up. Ask God for strength and wisdom. D not hold back from a mission such as host of other equally doubtful Young Adults hav attempted. You are part of a glorious com pany, one who receives glorious promise of divine help — and your personal Chris tian life will glow and grow when you so de vote yourself to following the Master.

If your task includes inviting or nomi nating others for Christian leadership, ac cept that too as a sacred trust. Let us no merely "fill positions" in Christian organi zations. Our assignment at this point is t open a way to larger service, perhaps re minding the one so invited that he has uni que opportunities in Christian leadership t speak and act, plan and organize, witnes and influence in Christ's cause.

Not all will be leaders — and ther should be rotation in leadership, in orde that many may have the joy of performin some special mission of service throug Christ. We who hold no office at the mo ment, we who prepare for an officer's po a year or so hence, will also follow "wher He leads me." Carry out assigned tasks, sug gest where you can help, propose additiona duties for the group to undertake. You ar not doing these things to "build up" chairman or attain more recognition fo your unit in the church but more effectiv ly to serve, more loyally to follow Hi who ever leads men to a closer walk wit God.

May there be a new joy for you in you relationship to Young Adult action, be cause this becomes increasingly a means t find and walk in the Way of Christ!

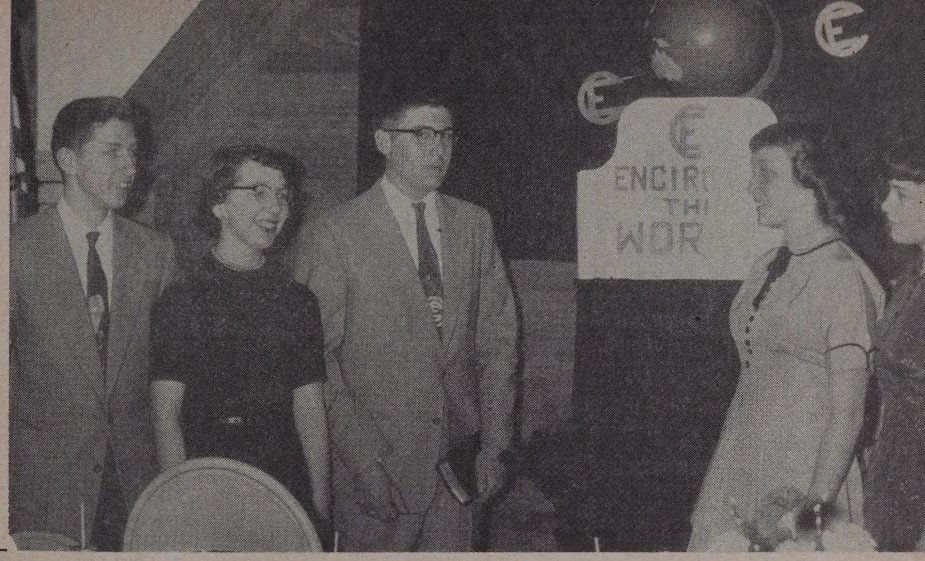
Young Adult Workshop

A GIRL'S LETTER CHANGES THINGS IN AFRICA

When Albert Schweitzer went to Norway two years ago to receive the Nobel Peace Prize, he resolved that this large award would be used to build a permanent home at Lambarene for a colony of lepers then living in huts. But he took back to Africa many thousands of dollars more than the Nobel Prize. The additional sum was raised in three days with the help of the newspaper *Arbeidetbladet,* which published a young girl's letter and offered to receive the people's gifts. The young woman, living and working on a farm, could not have dreamed that the suggestion she sent to a newspaper could have such results. But who says *anyone* is powerless, when striving for a Christian objective like this?

PRESENT THEME

The emphasis for Christian Endeavor Week, "Christ Our Lord—Man Our Brother," was given at the banquet of Tuscarawas County Union, Stone Creek, Ohio, by five youth. They are (left to right) Dexter Bell, June Spring, Doyle Miller, Ruth Ridenour, and Betty Wheeland.



Unions Vie For Honors In Registration Contest

The registration campaign for the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio, is on.

New York State is the winner for the first report period of this contest in Division A, with North Carolina and Hawaii in a tie for top honors in Division B.

Pennsylvania took second laurels in Division A, with corresponding honors in Division B going to Colorado.

Awards are being given each month to the union in each section that makes the greatest percentage of increase towards its minimum goal. Cash awards and special honors will go to the units that finish in top positions at the close of the contest June 20.

Registrations for the convention are $3. They may be sent to the district, state, or provincial unions or direct to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

HOLD COMMUNION SERVICE

The annual communion service of the Worcester County Union was conducted in First Church, Sterling, Massachusetts, January 20. Rev. Douglas Spinney of West Boylston Baptist Church, gave the message with Rev. Maurice O. Mahler of the Sterling Church officiating for the communion service. Betty Brooks is president of the union.

ON THE WATER FRONT

Frances Becker, former president of Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Senior Union, gives a comfort bag to a sailor at the Port of Philadelphia. Christian Endeavorers distributed more than a thousand of these bags at Christmas time to sailors from many places around the world on a number of vessels. William Hutchinson supervised the project.

Have you registered for the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16? There will be a program of inspiration and fellowship.

FROM MANY LANDS

Eleven Christian Endeavorers from outside of the United States attended the birthday banquet of the Northeastern Indiana Union January 31. Those celebrating are shown at Huntington College dining room, Huntington.

YOUTH ENTER CONTEST

A trip to the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16, or a cash award is the top prize in the subscription campaign for *The Christian Endeavor World.*

Among the first individuals to enter the campaign are: Sharon Davis, Grande Valley, Colorado; Laura J. Freeman, Mattapan, Massachusetts; Cornelia Rohrbaugh, Glen Rock, Pennsylvania; Ruth G. Scofield, Woodland, Michigan; Freed Strickler, Hellam, Pennsylvania; and Nelda Jean Thomas, Houston, Texas.

Details on awards and rules in the contest may be secured by writing to Harold E. Westerhoff, Publisher, *The Christian Endeavor World,* 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

CALIFORNIA HOLD CONTESTS

California C.E. Union is conducting several contests among Endeavorers. Awards will be presented at the state convention which will be held in Pasadena June 23-26. For those of junior high age there is competition in scripture memorization and in voice. A contest for groups in societies in singing is scheduled for those of high school age and young people. An oratorical contest for individuals is planned for the high school youth.

C. E. IN MANY LANGUAGES

Christian Endeavor is "Christian Endeavor" all around the world.

Here is the way the words look in a few languages:

French: Activite Chretienne.
Dutch: Christlike Strevers Vereniging.
Portuguese: Esforco Christao.
Danish: Kriestleig Virsomhed.
Italian: Attivita Cristiana.
Hungarian: Cel-egnes Elore.
German: Entschiedenes Christenthum.
Spanish: Esfuerzo Cristiano.
Norgegian: Menighetsbevegelsen.

MARK TENTH LEGION SUNDAY

Virginia Christian Endeavor Union has designated Sunday, March 27, as Tenth Legion Day and have asked societies to have a special program. Joann Campbell of Roanoke is superintendent.

A Visit To Holy Places

No. 2 in a Series:

Along The Trail With Jesus

Luke 2:13-19; John 12:12-15; 18:1; 19:16-18

(PALM SUNDAY)

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) — *APRIL 3* —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.

Study the Bible selections given.

Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This topic is the concluding one of a series begun last week. The first one in this unit *Along The Trail With Jesus* may be found in the February issue of *The Christian Endeavor World,* under the title *A Visit With Christ's Comrades.* Try to get a copy and read it in order to relate the two together as we go "Along The Trail" with our Master. Today's topic takes us to places that are familiar to us through Scripture record. They are the places where Jesus walked and from which many of the wonderful things of our Gospel emanated. For this meeting there should be a map of the Holy Land, as large as possible, in the meeting room. Books, leaflets, small maps or globes, etc., would be helpful. Draw special attention to the various locations described in the topic and to their relationship with each other. Make an imaginative "tour" of the Holy Land. Try to center discussion on the various sacred places. Especially strive to catch the message implied in each of these places, such as sacrifice, love and salvation being the message of Calvary, etc. Perhaps special decorations and advance publicity can be worked out with a little original thought.

This being Consecration Sunday particular thought should be given to this portion of the meeting. Being so close to the season of sacrifice and of victory, when the Membership Roll is called the Endeavorers could answer with some thought of their own sacrifices that may be made for Christ. Help them to dedicate themselves to some further evidence of their love or sacrifice. Relate the reading together of the pledge with Good Friday and Easter.

Let's Take A Trip

Yes, let's take a trip to the Holy Land. This is an experience we should all enjoy and one that is an ambition for many of us. Perhaps some day it will be possible. Meanwhile, let's not deny ourselves the pleasure of some knowledge about it. So let's take a tour in our imagination of this holy place. Everyone likes to play make-believe. Let's go! Palm Sunday is an appropriate time for such a journey in faith. We'll stop at some of the places made sacred by the presence of Jesus. Keep your ears open, too; perhaps we can still hear the echoes of His voice.

A SEED THOUGHT

How can we say consistently "I walked today where Jesus walked"?

Bethlehem—Place of Humility

The first stop we'll make must be Bethlehem, the place of earthly birth of the Lord Jesus. In Hebrew, Bethlehem means "The House of Bread." It is a small town in Palestine, situated on a limestone ridge about six miles from Jerusalem, on the main road to Hebron. Before the wondrous divine Birth it was a very obscure town. Since that night it is forever famed and loved. The stable represents even greater obscurity, yet it has since become a sacred shrine for all the world. "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight." Probably the outstanding lesson we may gain from the stable is humility. What love was evidenced by the Father in providing His Son with such a modest reception!

Nazareth—Place of Industry

Let's look awhile at Nazareth, the Galilean town where Jesus grew up and spent His youth. This city of Mary and Joseph, pleasantly situated in a hollow on the slope of the hills, had a synagogue, and was called a city in the Gospels. Yet it too was small and is not mentioned much outside the New Testament. Here Jesus worked and learned the carpenter's trade in the shop of Joseph. Here, too, He "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." (Luke 2:52.) Let us here learn the lessons of useful work and diligent labor from our Master.

Capernaum—Place of Compassion and Service

Quickly advancing past the places of Christ's boyhood, let's stop briefly at Capernaum, the place where He did much of the work of His earthly ministry. It is an ancient city of Palestine, on the western shore of Lake Gennesareth. It was the residence of the Son of Man after He entered into His divine mission. It was the scene of many of His important miracles. Despite these astounding evidences of God's will and wish, the inhabitants of Capernaum were unfaithful and did not fully open their hearts to Christ's call. Of them, He said, "And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shall be brought down to hell." (Matthew 11:23.) Here where healing and helpfulness, compassion and salvation were the daily order, let us find inspiration to serve. May our compassion deepen with our faith.

The Temple At Jerusalem—Place of Authority

Surely our tour would be incomplete unless we looked in retrospect at the Temple in Jerusalem. Here the Master of Men, Who was also the Son of God, showed His divine authority. Here, too, the veil leading to the "Holy of Holies" was rent in twain, at the hour of the Crucifixion. In the House of God, sometimes referred to as a palace, Jesus taught. Here, also He denounced the mercenary practices, calling it and those who unjustly made a profit a "den of thieves." Here, too, He accurately foretold its destruction. In one of His rare displays of anger, we see Him again "cleansing" the temple by driving out the money-changers. How wonderful and fearful to have seen the flashing fire of His eyes! We, too, may well recognize and kneel before His authority.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To make an imaginative tour of the Holy Land, as though with Jesus Himself.
2. To better understand the Christian message symbolized by these places.

LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR TRIP

1. What impresses you most about each of these places. Tell why and discuss the lesson or lessons revealed in each:
   a. Bethlehem
   b. Temple at Jerusalem
   c. Nazareth
   d. Capernaum
   e. Garden of Gethsemane
   f. Mount Calvary
   g. The empty tomb.
2. What phase of Christ's character is revealed in each of these places? What do we learn about Him there?
3. Where would you like to spend the most time in the Holy Land?
4. What do we mean that we are "walking with Jesus"?
5. On this Palm Sunday, how can we show Him to be Lord of our lives?

The Places of His Passion

We dare not pass by the places made forever sacred by the days during which the Lord Jesus worked out our salvation. The Garden of Gethsemane, where He prayed "Thy will be done," represents to us the lesson of submission to God's will always. The Mount of Calvary, where the only sinless Person in the world's history died on the Cross for the sins of all the world, is most impressive. It sobers our thinking and teaches us love—love beyond our understanding.

The rock-hewn tomb is at least as important as the Cross. This, too, must be seen in our mind's eye as we "walk where Jesus walked." Without doubt the theme of the lesson here is power. It revealed the power of God to utterly control life. It showed the power of Jesus that He had claimed. Further it forever released the power of God to the "whosoever" group, all those who may claim redemption and immortality through Christ. His power may be ours, for "He lives within my heart." It is good to realize now that we may not only walk where He walked; we may forever walk *where He is.*

Bible Passages

M., Mar. 28. Cleansing The Temple. Luke 19:45, 46

T., Mar. 29. The Upper Room. Luke 22:7-20

W., Mar. 30. In The Garden. Mark 14:32-42

T., Mar. 31. Mount of Transfiguration Mark 9:2-10

F., Apr. 1. The Center Cross. Luke 23:33

S., Apr. 2. Grave In The Garden. John 19:40-42

Sun., Apr. 3. Topic—A Visit To Holy Places Luke 2:16-19; John 12:12-15; 18:1; 19:16-18 (Palm Sunday)

Our Aim

1. To see the meaning of Palm Sunday for today.
2. To consider Christ's deep concern for people of the city.
3. To project our members into a meaningful observance of Holy Week.

Questions for Discussion

1. Why was the Triumphal Entry of Palm Sunday but a mock triumph?
2. Since Jesus knew all things, what must have been in His heart at the time?
3. Was "the Triumphal Entry" only to fulfill prophecy?
4. What practical purpose could it fulfill in addition?
5. Was "Good Friday" a good day for the first disciples?
6. Viewed in the long perspective of history, what did that event mean?
7. What accounted for the people turning against Jesus so quickly?
8. Are the people of today any different from those of the First Century?
9. What was the day of real triumph?
10. What meaning has that triumph for us today?

When Jesus Saw The City

No. 2 in a Series:
"For Christ and The Church"
Luke 19:28-48
(PALM SUNDAY)

Intermediate (12-14 YEARS) — *APRIL 3* —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Jesus' Preparation

When Jesus was eight or ten years old a climb to the northern hills behind Nazareth showed Him in a terrible picture the fate of fellow Galileans who had defied Roman power. Three miles north, in the Roman city of Sepphoris, lived Judas the Galilean, a young hothead who thought he could outwit Rome. He started a revolt, which Rome crushed before it had scarcely begun. It ended with a sight visible all over Galilee: Sepphoris going up in flames, a ghastly sunset roaring up into the sky from a city set on a hill.

The next evening brought a sight more terrible still, with everyone in Nazareth and Cana and every village for miles around climbing the hills to see it and gasping with horror. There on the smoking summit, set black against the afterglow, rose what looked like a forest of thorns—the crosses on which the Romans had crucified these rebels!

A boy who was so soon to declare that He must be about his Father's business—what if that business should cross the track of such a Rome? Jesus must have known for years that when the time of decision came, He would have to choose His path and walk steadily ahead. Here in His own home was inevitably born the very germ of the spirit of Palm Sunday, when He knowingly rode up to Jerusalem to die.

The First Palm Sunday

It is a beautiful April morning. The morning sun floods the scene. Hopes are upwelling like a river; garments are flung upon the way, palm branches are alive with motion, all the air is filled with singing, with strong voices chanting: "Blessed be the empire of our father David now to be brought back under Jehovah! Blessed be he that cometh, King, in the name of the Lord!" In the midst is One riding upon an ass, silent because He sees. Then suddenly all the scene is struck through with anguish, a strong man sobbing! Never one of all Jerusalem's patriots, never one of all her prophets, had voiced the yearning that He spoke—not only His own cross, but all the crosses of all the world were in His cry!

"If thou hadst known in this day, even thou, the things which belong unto peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, when thine enemies shall cast up a bank about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, and shall dash thee to the ground, and thy children within thee, and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another, because thou knowest not the time of thy visitation!" His compassion overcame Him because they could not see the way, the truth, the life. They were blind to true reality—the things of the spirit that belong to the will of the Eternal.

Jesus rode, white, unswerving, as ride all leaders of all lost causes, seeing their way before them. He was not the Christ His nation wanted; that He knew. Nor was He the God humanity wanted; that also He knew. How should great Greece and Rome bow their proud intellects, like garments cast upon the dust, to welcome a peasant-carpenter, astride an ass? Could a message of building come from such a one? Well He knew, as He rode among the waving palms, that His own and every nation would toss Him aside like refuse because He did not lead them to power. He forsaw His journey's end.

Who Is He?

Jesus was the Son of God and they knew it not. Some who were skeptical realized it only when He was crucified—too late. He was the Saviour of the world but they never dreamed such could be His mission. He was the revealer of God, but they looked upon Him as a destroyer of faith and religion. He was their friend, but they thought Him an enemy. He was unfolding the plan of God, but their eyes blinded by ignorance saw Him as too dangerous to live. He was living a perfect life, but they thought Him a chief sinner because His beliefs were different from theirs and He flouted many of the religious ceremonies and customs of the day.

How Does the City Receive Jesus Today?

Jesus could have escaped the danger; He could have thought of His own security and safety. If He had, He would be unknown and think how poor the world would be! He steadfastly set His face on the city and entered it, knowing full well what was ahead. He was true to His own destiny and to the Divine purpose. He was royally welcomed by people who a week later, shouted, 'Crucify Him!"

Do we cheer Him on Sunday and crucify Him on Monday? Or do we cheer Him every day of the week with every deed, word and sign? Only as Christ is in us can we be true to our destiny, live by the courage of our convictions, be true to our highest ideals. Our only hope is that the Christ-spirit enters our lives this day.

What was the matter with that Palm Sunday crowd that this became only a mock triumph for the Son of God? Why would they so enthusiastically greet Him one day and then a few days later raise no objection to His crucifixion? They lacked sincerity in their thoughts. They had long tongues, but short minds. They could yell, but did not think. They had time for parades and excitement, but did not take time to study the life and character and ministry of Jesus and see Him as He really was and is.

It is hard to explain men and women who cry "Hosanna" today and "away with Him" in less than a week. But there have been people like this of every generation, even today. Too many will attend church services so long as something sensational or spectacular is going on, but only then. Can such inconsistency be the result of loyalty to Him? What do such do when some real effort is required for Him? Too many so-called followers of the Christ are merely swept along with the crowd, too excited to meditate and reflect—no real interest in prayer, no time really to study the words and work of Christ Jesus.

Such a youth as this is truly no true Christian. One day he will shout that Jesus be made King; the next day he will assent to His crucifixion. What youth need to do is to decide definitely and unreservedly that Jesus is the Christ, the Saviour, and thus not be swayed by the temperamental and sensational cries of men.

The City Must Recognize Him

The city's King has come! Christ's triumphal entry that day not only fulfilled the words of ancient prophecy, but also have promise of unending conquest of victory for the future. He who did not have to rely on the protection of His friends rose from the dead and lives forevermore with His Heavenly Father. And a conquering King has been His portion ever since, and He has not been dependent on the ways of mankind. He is abundantly able to bring life everlasting to those whose faith in Him is real. Beginning with His Resurrection, He has been riding to victory ever since. Would to God that every man would allow Him to come into his life and thus be the victor over our sins. Across the continents and through the annals of time, Jesus our Lord has been subduing evil. The whole history of the Church with its magnificent progress is the march of the glorified Lord Jesus Christ.

From The Book of Books

M., Mar. 28. A Doomed City. Luke 21:24.
T., Mar. 29. Jesus Enters Jerusalem. John 12:12-19.
W., Mar. 30. Watch And Pray. Luke 21:36.
T., Mar. 31. The Silent Christ. Matt. 27:14.
F., Apr. 1. The Eloquent Christ. Matt. 23:1-39.
S., Apr. 2. Watching For His Return. Matt. 24:42-51.
Sun., Apr. 3. Topic—When Jesus Saw the City. (Palm Sunday) Luke 19:28-48.

Christ Is Alive Today

I Corinthians 15:1-8; Galatians 2:20

(EASTER)

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) — *APRIL 10* —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purposes of the meeting.

All the world looks to this day. For weeks we have been preparing for it and anticipating its coming. Now that it is fully here let's make the most of our opportunity. The older folks will have had their opportunity in the events of the Easter morning; Youth too will have shared. In the evening Christian Endeavor meeting your society will be enabled to properly observe the victory of Easter. You as the leader of the meeting on this important day have a great responsibility. Remember, to guide your friends and associates into a greater understanding of the Risen Christ and of the Redemption He offers is not an experience to be taken lightly.

Perhaps you will have had a fine Sunrise Service. Discuss this and its merits. Consider again the sermon of the morning and evaluate its message. Incorporate these lessons into the meeting. It is wise to use this, and all the publicity of the season, for the society's benefit. Decorate the room with seasonal emphasis. Give special publicity to the pastor, newspapers, etc., well in advance. Perhaps an open tomb could be designed for a background. Always make use of the budding artists, reporters, musicians, etc., to publicize and to enhance your meetings. Keep in mind for now that yours is the responsibility of impressing your colleagues with the wonderful truth that Christ is *alive today*.

Christ

Let's take the title of this topic and study it word by word. Each one is so important they will bear special emphasis, lest we miss a tiny morsel of this wonderful message. "*Christ* is alive today." This is significant. We are not talking about an ordinary person, but rather of Jesus Christ, the divine Son of God, Who also called Himself the Son of Man. Our God is not *a* god; He is *the* God. Christ is not *a* saviour; He is *the* Saviour. All the world has been leaning toward this day for a year past. So all the world looks to Christ the Risen Lord. Would that we might describe His matchless beauty adequately, or that we might bear His Gospel convincingly enough! His life was one of utter purity, of love and compassion, of sacrifice and mission. His teachings were beyond compare. His sacrifice on Calvary was vastly "beyond the call of duty." His victory over earth and hell in the Resurrection is beyond human comprehension. In living, in dying, in living again forever, Jesus is the personification of all that is good and beautiful and lasting. Christ is our Saviour, our Master, our Friend. Let us never forget that He died for us, and for our sins.

Is

Yet "Christ *is* alive today!" Can we grasp the significance of this statement? We speak not of a historical event of the past, great though it be. We are speaking of the outstanding truth of our contemporary lives. *This is a present fact.* Young people sometimes tire of reminiscences or of historical data. It has been said, "In youth we learn, but in age we understand." Youth does not always appreciate early enough the great contributions of the past. But no one, young or old, can overlook or fail to appreciate such a vital reality as this assurance of the "contemporariness" of Jesus Christ. There is such a positive impact in this tiny word "is"; it leaves no room for debate. "Christ is!"

Alive

The dynamic character of this thrilling topic creeps up on us as we study. Its implications are tremendous, "Christ is *alive* today." Does the full meaning of this word find acceptance in your mind and heart? As Christians of the twentieth century "after Christ," we still are amazingly aware of His existence. His truth is marching on. Verily He becomes a more dominant force year by year, age by age, where faith gives Him the scepter. No dead hero can do that. How glorious it is to remember on this Easter day that we follow no dead prophet, we give allegiance to no entombed king; we serve a living Lord. It is not the dead Jesus we acclaim this day; it is the living Christ. He is alive "by many infallible proofs." Nothing is more important to our faith and gospel than this.

Today

"Christ is alive *today*." If only this could be emblazoned on the headlines of our daily press! If this supreme news item could but be broadcast and telecast in the place of vital importance it deserves! So many lesser things take the lead as "news" today, however. Flying saucers get national publicity almost daily. The latest war bulletins are read apprehensively, the sports and society pages are scanned carefully, the comics are devoured to see how our "heroes" are faring in their latest predicament, the air waves tremble with mighty bits of insignificance. These things are considered the news of the day. If only the world, the nation, your community and mine, could but realize that the most stupendous piece of news is found in this very topic! Supremely above all other things this fact changes the world—*Christ is alive today.* Can you imagine for a moment what the world would be like if He had not come? Or can any of us comprehend the stark tragedy if He had come, but had not fulfilled His promise to "rebuild the temple (His body) in three days"?

Yes, let's be honest with ourselves—and with our Lord. Accept the unspeakable glory of the reality of His resurrection. Remember that He lives today. Acknowledge that everyone who lives on our earth is affected by Jesus Christ the Saviour, and that civilization as we know it is such only by the influence of His teaching. Then look around and see how many of our friends and associates are living "dead" lives; are stumbling along from error to error, ever regretting their weakness. You know their need. More than anything else they need Jesus Christ. And we need Him! As He walks the highways of the world today, He calls to Youth, "Come after Me, and I will make you—." Have you answered? He lives—do you?

From The Scriptures

M., Apr. 4. A Tomb Made Empty. Matt. 28:1-8.
T., Apr. 5. Christ In The Midst. Luke 24:36-48.
W., Apr. 6. Paul's Reassurance. I Cor. 15:20, 21.
T., Apr. 7. Jesus At The Seashore. John 21:4-7.
F., Apr. 8. Declaration of Peter. Acts 4:8-12.
S., Apr. 9. Hid With Christ. Col. 3:1-4.
Sun., Apr. 10. Topic—Christ Is Alive Today. (Easter) I Cor. 15:1-8; Gal. 2:20.

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To make us realize clearly that Jesus Christ the Son of God is alive today, and walking now with His faithful followers.

LET'S TALK IT OVER

1. What is the reason we celebrate Easter?
2. How do we know Christ arose from the dead?
3. What were the "infallible proofs"?
4. What proofs do we see around us today that He lives?
5. What is the meaning of the statement, "Easter is more than a doctrine to believe; it is a reality to be experienced in our lives"?
6. Discuss what the world would be like if He had not risen.
7. What does the resurrection mean to you personally.
8. If the world fully realized that Christ lives today, what would be the result?
9. How can the society carry on the spirit of Easter when that day is past?
10. How can you show daily that He lives in you?

A SEED THOUGHT

"He walks with me and He talks with me, and He tells me I am His own—."

Our Aim

1. To experience Christ's presence in us today.
2. To catch new meaning in the Easter message.
3. To carry the Easter certainty to others.

Questions

1. How did resurrection affect the disciples?
2. How often, and where was Christ seen after His resurrection?
3. What effect has Easter made on us?
4. How may we manifest the true Easter spirit?
5. What is humility?
6. In your opinion, does humility as a way of life work? Why or why not? What did Jesus teach?
7. Why did Jesus die on the cross?
8. What is the meaning of the cross for today?
9. Make a list of the things that, in your opinion, are wrong with the church. Number these in the order of their importance — the most serious, number 1; second most serious, number 2; etc. What can you do to correct them?
10. How can a young Christian develop a disciplined Christian character?

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Easter, a Time of Discovery

Easter can be a time for discovery of new and high possibilities within us. We can "find" ourselves in a way that will bring new zest to living.

Many young people discount talk about heaven, hell and life-after-death (immortality) because the descriptions of these things which they have heard do not tie in with other facts they have learned so clearly. For the same reason, it is difficult for them to believe in the resurrection accounts of Jesus. Frequently they say, "When you die, that's the end."

Usually for these young people, and just as frequently for a large number of adults, the chief purpose of life is centered around what happens to you today. If you are happy today, that's good; if you've made a big sale today, or put some money in the bank today, that's good, they say. Live today, no one knows what's going to happen tomorrow—is often their motto.

Well, the Christian discovery of Easter is the discovery that life is more than trying to be gay from day to day. The Easter discovery can be finding out something about ourselves we never realized before. This discovery is that some of the richest, most stirring experiences we've ever had need not come to an end at death. If we have been deeply moved by some kind word or deed; if we have been gripped by some wonderful joy; if we have been thrilled by the power of Christian love, then Easter's discovery can be that such experiences are too good to fade forever.

Christ really walks with us today. He is risen! He is alive! We can know Him now.

The Bible gives us these definite appearances of Jesus after the resurrection:

1. *The women at the tomb.* (Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-11; Luke 24:1-11.)
2. *Peter and John at the tomb.* (Luke 24:34; John 20:2-10; I Corinthians 15:5.)
3. *The two disciples on the way to Emmaus.* (Mark 16:12-13; Luke 24:13-35.)
4. *The disciples in the Upper Room with Thomas absent.* (Mark 16:14-18; Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-25; I Corinthians 15:5.)
5. *The disciples in the Upper Room with Thomas present.* (John 20:26-29.)
6. *The disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.* (John 21:1-25.)
7. *The disciples on a mountain in Galilee.* (Matthew 28:16-20.)
8. *About five hundred brethren at once.* (I Corinthians 15:6.)
9. *On Mount Olivet at the Ascension.* (Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-12; I Corinthians 15:7.)
10. *James.* (I Corinthians 15:7.)

The most thrilling account is that of the walk of Jesus with those going to Emmaus. One youth paraphrases it thus:

"Sir, I am one of those. This appearance occurred on the afternoon of the first day of the week after the resurrection while we were traveling home to Emmaus, a little place about seven miles from Jerusalem. As we were talking concerning things that had occurred in Jerusalem, Jesus drew near and joined us but we did not recognize Him. He joined in the conversation, which pertained to Himself, and gave us instruction about the redemptive work He had come to accomplish. On reaching Emmaus, He accepted our invitation to enter our home, and while breaking bread, our eyes were opened to His identity, and He vanished out of our sight. Then we hurried back to Jerusalem and told the disciples what had occurred."

Wouldn't you have liked to walk with Jesus thus?

When Christ Walks With Us

When Christ walks with us we learn certain lessons.

1. *Lesson of Power.* The last and greatest enemy of life is death. The mightiest of all conquerors is not Alexander, or Caesar, or Napoleon, but death. His throne is in the sepulcher. But his scepter has been broken, for death has been swallowed up in victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. *Lesson of Faith.* We have the historic facts concerning the resurrection and believe them to be authentic. We see the faith of the disciples grow strong as the Master reveals Himself to them on the other side of the open grave. But in faith we accept Christ as our living Saviour, and a newness of life takes possession of our souls.

3. *Lesson of Immortality.* The resurrection of Christ is a proof of immortality. Centuries ago it was asked, "If a man die shall he live again?" Christ gives the answer. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

4. *Lesson of Joy.* Christ came to bring joy to the hearts of men. Now "if Christ be not risen," then is the world lonelier and darker than ever before He came. The glorious Gospel, the glad tidings of great joy as it is proclaimed to the world, gets its mighty announcement of life beyond the grave.

5. *Lesson of Hope.* Easter enlarges the Christian's hope. Before Christ brought life and immortality to light death was the slayer of men's hopes. No inscription of hope is ever found in other religions, but as Christians we "sorrow not as those that have no hope." Christianity has the stone rolled away, an empty tomb, and an immortal hope.

6. *Lesson of Love.* Life was purchased upon the cross. Christ died in order to procure eternal life for as many as believed. The open grave was preceded by the cross. Easter brings to our attention the fact that "God so loved the world that He gave."

Walking with Christ Is a Holy Challenge

Again this year 1955 Jesus is going before us. Young people of today know how difficult it is to follow Him into the shadows of the Cross. We know from painful experience how strong and manifold are the forces which are pulling us away from a close companionship with Christ. We often walk apart from Christ in amazement and in fear of what it may mean for us if we go all the way with Christ and His Cross becomes in very truth the center of life.

The worship of the Passiontide is the compassionate look of Christ upon us bidding us to come closer that He may take us again and teach us the meaning and the necessity of His Cross. Only in His company can we learn to know the love that saves. Only in His fellowship can we discover that the way of the Cross is the way of salvation. To lose our life in love of Him as He lost His life in love for us is to know the victory of the Cross and to have His joy fulfilled in us.

Our life is a holy endeavor to close up the gap between the Christ who goes before and us who follow after, so often afraid and so often baffled. The way of love on which all fear is cast away is the way of intimate comradeship with Christ. On His way Christ is asking us to come with Him. He wants to take us again and tell us the glories of His boundless love. On the way with Him we shall discover how real and true these glories are. Let us resolve to walk with Him today and every day.

Daily Scripture Readings

M., Apr. 4. Walking By The Sea. Matt. 4:18-22.
T., Apr. 5. Jesus On The Sea. Matt. 8:23-27.
W., Apr. 6. Through The Valley. Psalm 23:4.
T., Apr. 7. On The Mountain. Matt. 17:1, 2.
F., Apr. 8. Along The Road. Luke 24:13-22.
S., Apr. 9. Walking Upon The Waters. Matt. 14:22-23.
Sun., Apr. 10. Topic—Christ Walks With Us. (Easter) John 20:1-18.

Christ Walks With Us

No. 3 in a Series:
"For Christ and The Church"

John 20:1-18
(EASTER)

Intermediate (12-14 YEARS) — *APRIL 10* —

Live Right and Be Happy

No. 1 in a Series:
Highways To Happiness

Psalm 1; John 13:17; Philippians 4:4-8

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) — *APRIL 17* —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
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Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

Clear the roads! Leader of this meeting, and next week's, you have a wonderful opportunity for helpfulness. A sparkling new theme for this series of two topics is *Highways To Happiness.* Everyone is seeking this blessing of happiness. Perhaps the leader of this meeting can help some of his friends by pointing the way to the true sources of happiness. It's a real challenge. Give it good preparation and ample thought. Prepare a good meeting, set up the room in an attractive way, then pave the way for new experiences by the Endeavorers. Point out the benefits of right thinking and right living, showing how this is the true source of happiness. By contrast, in the leader's talk, point out the disaster of wrong living. Show how it can only lead to regret and ruin, to defeat and bitterness.

The emphasis of today's topic is on proper standards for personal living, as a real "highway to happiness." Next week's topic will point out another avenue to such joy, the way of service and deeds. Lay the foundations today for two outstanding meetings. Perhaps testimony could be given by some in the group, or in your church, as to how the power of God through Christ has changed their lives. The story of an outstanding experience or conversion could also be a great inspiration to your Endeavorers.

Highways To Happiness

Many are the ways that are followed in the pursuit of happiness. This is a search in which everyone heartily engages. The Constitution of our nation provides for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." The Gospel of our Saviour points the way to it. Too many people, however, walk the wrong paths; then they do not like the destination they reach. Everyone has the right to happiness. Everyone has the desire for it. Truly everyone is striving for it. Therefore it is but wisdom to try to discover where and how it may be found. Otherwise it is as foolish as the proverbial wild goose chase. Consider well the various paths open to each child of God.

A SEED THOUGHT

"The great essentials of happiness are something to do, someone to love, and something to hope for."

Not This Way

Oxenham has so wisely written, "To every man there openeth a way, and ways, and a way—." Surely there are countless avenues open for the seeker for happiness—but few lead to it. Many people think that happiness consists in eating, drinking and merry-making. This was true of the foolish man in Scripture who said, "Soul, take thine ease. Eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, 'Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee'—." (Luke 12:19, 20.) What folly it is to "follow the crowd" in such behavior. Those who follow this philosophy are misguided and ignorant, for such a path leads only to destruction. Any who so follow the crowd are misinformed. It is but an evidence of personal insecurity to so indulge. Neither bad moral habits nor bad physical habits will lead to lasting satisfaction or joy.

—Nor That

Other people, many of whom would disdain the above path, walk in equally foolish ways. Many of these seek happiness through wealth, or fame, or through personal power. This is often sought at great sacrifice to the individual's convenience and comfort. Still a few others believe that happiness is attained through asceticism, or suppressing all human desire. These sacrifice much and suffer often; they are the opposite from the "have a good time" group. Needless to say, these are not the ways to the best. Wealth and fame are uncertain and are unattainable by the majority. When they are won by the few, then they fail to bring the dividends of contentment they seemed to promise. Surely a just and loving God would provide a way to happiness that is open to all. He would never open it only to a favored few. No, indeed, these are but a will-of-the-wisp that can entice one far beyond the safe ground. Disappointment is the reward of the seeker here—whether he attains wealth or fame, or whether he does not; this is not the way to real happiness. If one does not find such wealth or fame he is disappointed; if he does he may become disillusioned!

This Is The Way

Happiness is a by-product. The one who goes out deliberately seeking it will probably *not* find it. Rather as he loses himself in seeking it for others he will find its gentle blessing in abundant measure. The Word of God teaches us that true happiness comes from purity of heart and issues forth in right living. When one knows what is right and does wrong he is inwardly miserable, even if he doesn't display it. When one knows what is right and does it, he is happy. It is an established truth that the Highway to Happiness is never the "Broad" way whereon the teeming multitudes travel. This is the "broad way that leadeth to destruction," described in the Bible. Rather this Highway is the "Narrow" way of righteousness which is traveled by those who know they are right with God and their fellow men.

The title of this topic best expresses it. "Live right and be happy." This implies a number of things. First of all it concerns our thinking and our belief. We must have faith in God our Maker, faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour, faith in the guiding ministry of the Holy Spirit. Likewise we must have faith in, and love for, our brethren. Then thinking right thoughts brings a deep happiness in itself. Living according to the high standards of God and the highest of men is a great step toward contentment. Finally then, to lose ourselves in loving service for God and for man is the way to the best. Any youth who will walk this tried and proven Highway will find the true joy of living. Life will have a different meaning. Read again carefully the Scripture passages for today. They point out these things so clearly. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." (John 13:17.)

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To learn of the highways to happy living.
2. To point out that godliness, purity and right living are truly the way to happiness.

HAPPINESS, WHY AND HOW?

1. What is happiness? Give both a description and a brief definition.
2. Is pleasure happiness? What is the difference?
3. Name the various ways people try to find happiness. Evaluate them.
4. How important is conscience to happiness?
5. What do we mean by "live right"?
6. Why must we think properly to be happy?
7. What brings true contentment?
8. Can we sacrifice happiness for a "good time"? How?
9. What was the mistake of the "rich fool" of Luke 12? Or of one today?
10. How does service for others affect our happiness?

Daily Bible Readings

M., Apr. 11. Seeking the Knowledge of God. Prov. 2:3-5.
T., Apr. 12. Willing to Listen. Prov. 15:14.
W., Apr. 13. The Shepherd's Psalm. Psalm 23.
T., Apr. 14. On Praising God. Psalm 150.
F., Apr. 15. A State of Happiness. Prov. 3:13.
S., Apr. 16. Trust In The Lord. Psalm 37:1-6.
Sun., Apr. 17. Topic—Live Right and Be Happy. Psalm 1; John 13:17; Philippians 4:4-8.

Money Is Funny

No. 1 in a Series:
Pressing Twentieth Century Problems

Mark 12:41-44; Luke 12:13-21

Intermediate (12-14 YEARS) — *APRIL 17* —

Our Aims

1. To know the value of money.
2. To see the responsibility of using money wisely.
3. To practice stewardship through tithing.

For Discussion Time

1. How do I spend the five dollars—five dimes—or five cents that I do receive regularly?
2. Why should we spend money for the benefit of others?
3. Does being Christian have anything to do with it?
4. What are some ways of spending money on others?
5. For what is our money being used?
6. What local and world-wide needs are not being met?
7. How much should a junior high young person give to meet these needs?
8. What is it that makes the gaining of money good or bad?
9. What is it that makes the possessing of money good or bad?
10. What do we mean by stewardship?
11. How can we practice the proper stewardship of money?
12. What is the Christian attitude toward money? What will the Christian do with his money?
13. The early church believed so firmly that Jesus taught that one should share with others that they regularly made collections of food and money. They appointed men to care for this work of distributing the money to those who needed it. Does the Christian Church follow this practice today? What does your church do?
14. Are there too many organizations asking for money today? Why?

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

Money—an Early Invention

Money is one of man's earliest inventions. In ancient Greece at the time of Homer, cattle were a common medium of exchange. Physicians often received cattle as payment from their patients. This custom is reflected in the "fee" we pay our doctor today. The word "fee" originated in the old German word "vieh" which pertains to cattle. That the Roman also used cattle is apparent from our word "pecuniary," meaning monetary, or pertaining to money.

The barter system of exchanging commodities for other commodities presented many difficulties, even though it is still used today.

Not so long ago a French singer on tour agreed to give a recital in the Society Islands for one-third of the paid admissions. Imagine her surprise at the conclusion of the performance when the manager presented her with 3 pigs, 23 turkeys, 44 chickens, 5,000 coconuts, and great quantities of bananas, lemons, and oranges. "That's your one-third of the gate receipts," he explained to the astonished singer.

Money Is Many Things

Money is more than a tangible and mobile substitute for things that are less tangible and mobile. Money is a yardstick. It measures values. When a tourist rents a hotel room for a night the money he pays is the value he puts on a comfortable sleep. Money is a storehouse of values. The truck-gardener can't keep his carrots indefinitely, so he trades them for money. He can keep the money a long time. If you buy a suit of clothes on credit, the clothier stretches his chance to get the money a little thinner than if you paid cash, but he trusts in your promise and in your ability to pay, so he is still storing up money. Money is therefore a symbol of wealth, of man's possessions. Money stands for wealth as a bottle of penicillin stands for health or as the energy of the sun for a day stands for the growth of living things for that period of time.

At this point the spiritual and religious elements in the scheme of things enter into the story. Who makes the wealth which money symbolizes?

The real creator of wealth is God, who brought forth the source-substances of wealth, and brought forth man himself, before man began to make or to measure things of value. Money, conceived as wealth, is the gift of God, just as the stars and water and life are gifts of His.

Wise and Unwise Use of Money

Money properly used can be a tremendous blessing. Money will bring us those essentials of food, clothing, and shelter. It will bring to us the benefits of education, books and travel. It will bring us joy as we share it with those whom we love and those around us who are in need. It will make possible those "luxuries we believe to be necessities" which take the drudgery out of living and fill the common tasks with adventure. Yes, money has an important place in life. A measure of it is an absolute necessity. If it is used properly it can be a factor in happiness and contentment.

Money improperly used, however, can be an enduring curse. We all are familiar with the term "filthy lucre," that term which is supposed to describe money. We have from childhood heard of scheming men and women who have used money to buy favor, grasp power, and grind the unprotected under their feet. But even common folks like you and me must guard lest we use our money improperly. Money recklessly spent can breed envy and unhappiness. Money wasted can bring on the haunting privations of poverty.

"The love of money is the root of all evil," so say the Scriptures. It is not money that is evil—it is rather the passionate, grasping, insane love for it. Some of us would like to believe that the rich men are all bad because they are rich. But some poor folks love money just as intensely; they never get much of it, but their love for it is still unsatisfied. This is the urge which drives people to get money unlawfully, which causes them to cheat and to lie, to exploit others, to give short weights and otherwise defraud.

Stewardship

The Christian use of money can be summarized in one word: stewardship. Stewardship does not refer only to that proportion of our income which we give. It refers to all our income. Stewardship means taking God into partnership with us in what we spend, and in what we save and invest, as well as in what we give. Stewardship means that by disciplining ourselves in unimportant matters, we have more left for essentials. But it means far more. Following God's will in our use of money means that we help give direction to the entire economic structure.

Money For Your Church

Discussion

How much should a Christian give to the church?

What does Jesus say about giving? Matthew 10:8; Luke 6:38; Mark 10:21; Matthew 6:1.

How do you decide what you shall give to the church? Habit decides this question for many boys and girls; sometimes parents tell their children how much to give. Others give according to the needs of the church. Which is better? Why?

Why should we tithe to aid God's work? At this point take up a discussion of tithing.

An Idea

Most Intermediates today are earning some money by working Saturdays, serving as baby-sitters, having summer or part-time jobs. Thus this topic should be brought right down to the handling of money wisely. Very early teeners learn that money will *do* things for them—bring pleasure, make life easier, buy things. That is why it is important that Intermediates should learn, earn, save, spend, and know the value—relative value—of everything.

Provide each person with a pencil and a sheet of paper. At the top have him write "If someone should give you a thousand dollars how would you spend it?" Give time to write the answers. List ones suggested on the black board. Is the church in the picture?

Then have the group members write: "Ways I spent money I had last month." List these, also, on the blackboard. Evaluate whether the expenditures were wise.

Thirdly, have the Endeavorers write "How much have I spent for the church? For helping others?"

It will be up to the leader to discuss whether the answers to the the last question are in proportion to the money spent on self and friends. Close with presenting the World Service projects of your church and their needs.

Bible Portions

M., Apr. 11. Your Treasure And Your Heart. Luke 12:34.
T., Apr. 12. How To Give. II Cor. 9:6, 7.
W., Apr. 13. Responsible To God. Genesis 28:20, 22.
T., Apr. 14. God As Owner. I Chron. 29:11-14.
F., Apr. 15. What Comes of Giving. Luke 6:38.
S., Apr. 16. Giving And Receiving. Acts 20:35.
Sun., Apr. 17. Topic—Money is Funny. Mark 12:41-44; Luke 12:13-21.

Serve Others and Bring Joy

No. 2 in a Series:
Highways to Happiness
Isaiah 61:1-3; Matthew 25:14-30

Senior-Young People (15-24 YEARS) — *APRIL 24* —

Comments by Earle W. Gates

Pattern For The Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:
Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This topic is the second in the series entitled *Highways To Happiness.* Last week the discussion was on *Live Right and Be Happy,* encouraging the living of a Christ-like life to insure happiness to one's self. This week as we discuss *Serve Others and Bring Joy,* we shall find that we can add to the world's happiness and joy by serving others rather than self Thus we bring happiness both to self and others.

It is always good to dress up the room in a manner that makes the young people more "topic conscious." One simple way is to decorate the walls with pictures that illustrate various needs of others. Perhaps symbols of joy such as music, laughter, etc., could be placed about the room by contrast. Your own original idea is even better.

Throughout the meeting, emphasize the fact that the greatest joy comes back to you, when you bring joy to another. Do not exclude serving Christ as a part of "others," as there is no greater joy or "highway to happiness."

Highways To Happiness

There isn't anything in the world which brings greater happiness than humble service to mankind. Humbleness is not a word to be overlooked but one to be greatly emphasized. "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth." (Matthew 6:3.) It is just as important to be humble about the deed we do as the doing of the deed itself.

Even the Prophet Isaiah has a message for those who serve (and for those who do not) as he foretells of the gathering of the remnant. (Isaiah 65: 13 and 14.) "—Behold, *my servants shall eat,* but ye shall be hungry; behold, *my servants shall drink,* but ye shall be thirsty; behold, *my servants shall rejoice,* but ye shall be ashamed; behold, *my servants shall sing for joy of heart,* but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit." When we serve others and Christ we bring praise and glory to our gracious Redeemer. *The Highway of Happiness* can best be reached by traveling the pathway of service and thought with our brothers and our Elder Brother.

Bible Messages

M., Apr. 18. The Law of Giving. Matt. 6:38-42.
T., Apr. 19. Timely Advice. Romans 12:10, 13, 17.
W., Apr. 20. Mary and The Ointment. John 12:3-7.
T., Apr. 21. One Man's Gratitude. Luke 17:11-19.
F., Apr. 22. Health Restored. Mark 2:3-12.
S., Apr. 23. The Lost Coin. Luke 15:8-10.
Sun., Apr. 24. Topic—Serve Others and Bring Joy. Isaiah 61:1-3; Matthew 25:14-30.

Not This Way

It is not God's plan that one should serve others for the benefit he receives himself. As one sees a friend who has problems in the home, it is not right to attempt to help only to prod and find what has caused son John to go astray and find the complete "inside story." Nor is it an example of humility to feed the poor, clothe the naked, and visit the sick, in order to be called a good soul, kind person, and fine neighbor. One isn't particularly helpful to the spiritually burdened when he points out weaknesses and mistakes, only to be idolized by the burdened. One who tries to cheer the aged and comfort the sorrowful for the praise he will receive from others who are not so possessed with the sympathetic tear is not truly a servant of God. To help the amateur to develop his talent only to be recognized by sharing some of his praise is not really "help" at all.

—Nor That

Remember that service for others includes very definitely service for Christ. In today's Scripture lesson, found in Matthew 25, a familiar portion of God's Word is studied concerning talents. God has not given anyone talent to hide or to use for self-glory. One is not gifted with a pleasing voice to dishonor or blaspheme the One Who made it. People are not chosen as officers of church organizations or boards merely to give them prominence in a given community. Neither are they asked to be teachers or youth counsellors to be recognized as "chosen ones." Members of the clergy are not called that they might be ministered to and treated as outstanding persons in a community, but to be the servants of others.

This Is The Way

A Christian who sees a person aged, sick, or poor will administer aid, clothe, feed, and visit, reminding the needy one that this act is being done for Christ's sake. Matthew 25:40 says "—Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Those who have spiritual problems need the guidance of those who have been led to a better understanding of God's Word and can interpret it to others. We are not to act "superior" or be "too busy," but humble and ready. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." (Galatians 6:1.)

Frequently in the life of a Christian he will meet some who have suffered the loss of dear ones; and others who have home problems of unity and happiness. In Romans 12:15, we read "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep." Be sympathetic and direct them to portions of God's Word that will bring comfort and patience in times of trouble. Don't attempt to be the solution yourself but direct them to the Great Comforter.

Let's be practical, in serving others. Try to help young people or backward adults to develop talents, perhaps hidden, by suggesting they use them for the glory of God. Give of your own time and talent for the "little tasks" others spurn. Offer your car for helping others get to worship services. Help clothe others who feel their own clothing is not "fit" for Church. Use your car, and your clothes, your home, your clubs and teams, your money, your music in Christ's Name and for His glory. Baby-sitting "for free" just to help some one is a refreshing change. Shoveling snow, cutting grass, or doing errands for aged neighbors or shut-ins is a Christian duty. The daily "Good Turn" of Scouting is a worthy example for each of us. This kind of service makes us "feel good"; this is the reward we call happiness.

It is important to remember that when one is asked to use his leadership in the church he is asked to serve that glory might be brought to God's Name, not the individual's. So often the mistake is made by an individual of putting his own efforts into service for what he can get out of it. Church officers and Board members sometimes become blind to the service they can render when they catch a glimpse of the power placed in their hands. Those called of God to serve Him must come not to be "kings" but "servants."

AIM OF THE TOPIC

1. To point out the great happiness that is possessed by one who serves others even at a sacrifice to himself.

HAPPINESS, WHY AND HOW?

1. Why should you serve others?
2. Name some ways that you as an individual can serve others.
3. Name some ways that your society can serve others.
4. What is the most certain way to bring "joy" when you serve others?
5. Is it necessary to sacrifice in order to serve others? If so, how?
6. In what way or ways is joy returned to the one who serves?
7. By using Bibles individually, have each one present find at least one verse of Scripture pointing out a way to serve others.
8. When should we give our services without charge? (for example, baby-sitting, errands, house work, etc.) How often? Why?
9. Which is more important, right thinking or right doing?
10. What do we mean "happiness is a by-product"?

A SEED THOUGHT

"Christian service calls for a maximum of 365 days a year, not fifty-two."

Our Aims

1. To reckon forthrightly with three youth problems.
2. To build convictions to meet temptations.
3. To give Christian concepts on pressing issues.

Questions

1. I can see where getting drunk is harmful to the individual, but some people say an occasional drink doesn't hurt anybody. What would you say about that?
2. Some people say that drinking is good for a person because it helps him forget his troubles for a while. Is that true?
3. What do people mean when they say that alcoholism is a "disease"?
4. Is there anything that can be done by our state or federal governments to cut down on the national drink bill?
5. Why should we get excited about the problem of dope?
6. How can we support narcotic laws?
7. How can we get our friends to quit acts of vandalism?
8. Dare a Christian destroy his body? The property of others?

Liquor, Dope, Vandalism-

What About Them?

No. 2 in a Series:

Pressing Twentieth Century Problems

I John 3:7, 8; Proverbs 16:8; Daniel 1:3-21

Intermediate (12-14 YEARS) — *APRIL 24* —

Comments by Raymond M. Veh

To the Leader

This meeting can be one of the best in months. The three problems in the topic are tremendous. Plan to divide the problems in advance and ask your Endeavorers to get data on the subjects. Possibly a panel or round-table discussion could be planned. Use a doctor, a coach or teacher, a social worker as resource persons.

Drinking—A Problem of Pressure

Recent surveys made among thousands of high school boys and girls showed that more than forty per cent of them used intoxicants. The survey showed further that most of the drinking was done in small social groups. This is probably an indication of the fact that most young people who drink do it because of social pressure, because the gang does it, or because they are afraid of not being "regular." In many such groups there are several who do not really enjoy the drinking, but are just waiting to follow the lead of the person who will refuse to drink.

But is there anything wrong with just one drink or taking an occasional drink? The real difficulty is that we are creatures of habit and every time we repeat an act we weaken our will not to do it and strengthen our will to do it.

Most people who drink would not recommend it to others, and particularly to young people. It is a recognized fact that drinking is harmful at any age, but it is especially harmful to young people. It stunts growth and weakens the entire body. It is even more harmful to the mind and character because it befogs the brain and weakens the moral judgment. A practicing physician of Los Angeles says, "It has been my experience in dealing with young people of high school and college age that ninety-five per cent of the cases of moral difficulty and indiscretion have been preceded by 'just one or two drinks.'" Almost every physician, judge, social worker, teacher, or minister could make a similar statement.

I Am A Christian

A young Mexican fellow in St. Paul, Minn., was having a very difficult time with the other fellows on a railroad section gang. It was the custom in that gang for everyone to chip in a nickel or a dime each day for beer. After refusing to do it for several days, and taking the teasing of the group, one day he silenced all opposition by saying with quiet dignity, "I am a Christian." We need not be afraid to give the reason for our definite stand; we can speak quietly without a spirit of superiority and win respect from our friends and associates. Jesus said, "Ye are my witnesses."

Dope—A Problem of Shyness

The dope habit usually begins with the smoking of cigarettes. Then someone in the crowd suggests that it would be fun to try marijuana. Generally this appeals to the person who is unhappy and wants to get away from things.

After a time, marijuana begins to produce a "tame" reaction and the individual looks around for something to give him a greater "kick." When this happens there is sure to be some "agent for crime" around who will get him started on a new drug. One of the reasons for this is that many addicts to morphine and heroin are in need of cash to help finance their own habit; therefore they try to sell others on the drug in order to keep a supply coming for themselves. Keep in mind that all of this drug is brought into the nation illegally, except for that which is stolen from drugstores and supply houses.

Drugs upset the ordinary performance of the organs of the body—brain, nerves, stomach, intestines, and muscles. The addict loses his appetite. Opiate drugs cause severe constipation. The user doesn't go to a doctor for help in illness, for his money is spent on drugs.

Don't let anyone persuade you to experiment with drugs for a thrill or fad. Help others to understand that it is stupid, not smart, to fool with drugs. Speak up, for some may not know the facts. Take every opportunity to inform others about narcotics.

Vandalism—A Problem of Sabotage

Webster describes vandalism as deliberate destruction or mutilation of public property. Its perpetration takes may forms, from drilling metal highway markers with bullets, to scribbling names and chipping granite from sacred shrines.

But the most alarming thought is this: Vandalism is increasing, year after year, instead of being on the decline. We are supposed to be a highly-civilized society, yet vandalism statistics prove otherwise.

In St. Louis, vandalism last year turned toward the public school—not a single school, but various schools all over the city. Windows were smashed, classrooms broken into, equipment ruined, libraries ransacked—all the work of teen-aged vandals who, when apprehended, said they did it "for a thrill."

Highway officials in California spend more than $100,000 a year for replacement of road markers ruined by vandals. Think what this sum of money would mean to any charitable group, or any needy cause!

You and I, and our fathers and mothers, the taxpayers of the country, pay for this wholesale destruction of public property. Besides the monetary loss of destroyed or damaged highway markers, this practice has also resulted in the death of innocent motorists.

Not All Teens Are Vandals

If all young Americans, both boys and girls, would make a concerted effort to make vandalism unpopular, the practice will decline. When the vandal boasts of the windows he's broken with sling-shots, of the road signs he has punctured with gunfire, of the souvenirs he has filched from public places, he should be placed in the same class as a criminal. We need to tell him how wrong he is. We should make him unpopular.

Quotes on Alcohol

Dr. Charles Mayo: "You can get along with a wooden leg, but you can't get along with a wooden head. It is the brain that counts, but in order that your brain may be kept clear you must keep your body fit and well. This cannot be done if one drinks liquor."

Thomas A. Edison: "To put alcohol in the human body is like putting sand in the bearings of an engine. I am a total abstainer from alcoholic liquor. I always felt that I had better use for my head."

Dr. William J. Mayo: "From the viewpoint of health, there has never been any question but that abstinence from alcoholic liquors proves extremely beneficial."

An idea: Call your local police station and ask to speak to the person in charge of the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement. Get facts locally.

Daily Bible Messages

M., Apr. 18. Justice Before God. Romans 2:13.
T., Apr. 19. They That Enter The Kingdom. Matt. 7:21.
W., Apr. 20. Warning Against Drinking. Isaiah 5:11.
T., Apr., 21. A People Who Refrained. Jeremiah 35:5, 6, 14.
F., Apr. 22. A Strong Example. Romans 14:21.
S., Apr. 23. Withstanding A King's Orders. Daniel 1:3-20.
Sun., Apr. 24. Topic—Liquor, Dope, Vandalism—What About Them? I John 3:7,8; Proverbs 16:8; Daniel 1:3-21.

Via The Eye and Ear

Your Money's Worth

by Amy Deck Faust

Many times a program, report, or presentation "falls flat" because it is presented in the same old way. The facts may be new but the manner of presentation is so similar to the presentations in the past that audience attention is lost. Also, a presentation may be lost because it is so similar to other presentations on the same program.

To report or to present a program well is both an art and a skill. The art lies in the aesthetic taste of those in charge of preparation and presentation. There should be an awareness of the spiritual values and a dedication of human talent to the working of the spirit. But with all this, the importance of the technical skill should not be underestimated. Some technical skill is needed to make even an ordinary audible report. Proper voice projection, enunciation, inflection, rate of speech, rhythm, and similar factors enter into the spoken works when skillfully done. However, increased skill is needed when a microphone, amplification, musical instruments, and tools of a technical nature are needed. This also applies to the need of skill in the use of visual tools.

Pause for a moment and ask, *"What* do we want to do?" If it be a talk, report, program, or announcement know the purpose and the content of the material. Is the material intended to inspire, inform, amuse, challenge, entertain, or arouse? Is it to affect only the visible audience? Will it later be printed, rebroadcast, or "played back?" Who will hear it and what response is wanted?

Generally speaking reports are to inform and programs are to inform, inspire, teach, or entertain. This does not prohibit a report from becoming "entertaining." Knowledge is often best received when the mind is prepared for it and when it is presented dramatically. Why have a meeting or why give a report or make an announcement if no response is intended?

Plan For Response

If immediate action is wanted at once from the visible audience plans must be made to bring about the response and to make it possible. For example, if cards are to be signed, pencils as well as cards are to be considered. If mission books are to be sold they must be on hand, marked, displayed, and in charge of a cashier or salesperson.

If delayed action is wanted or if an invisible audience is to respond, directions must be plain and materials on hand. For example, a youth group recently went on television with a suggestion that various prayers be offered at the table in the homes. On the air the group used a number of printed "table prayer cards." They announced the source and method of getting the cards poorly, but even with this bad start the response was so great that they had neither the supply, or the secretarial help to meet the need. The situation then is, *"What* action do we want?" *"Who* do we hope will respond?" and "In *What Way* do we wish this response?" Having answered these questions the planning group must *prepare* to meet the response.

Now, somewhere along the way between the presentation and the response there must blaze that tiny spark of "audience appeal." This may seem to spontaneously flash out but it is usually the response to a carefully planned and controlled situation. Plans were first made as to *What* was to be done; *Who* composed the "target audience"; *How* they would be apt to react, and *How* to control the reaction to the desirable *Response.*

Prepare For Your Audience

It is evident that no one situation is ev exactly the same as another situation. Diffe ence lies in the time, place, audience, prese tation, and similar factors. That is why it both a challenge and an opportunity to pr pare for an audience.

As the first stages of planning are consic ered it is wise to know a number of relevar facts. "What *time* of the day is the presenta tion to be made?" Obviously, in daytime, some types of visuals, dependent upon darkene rooms, must be artificially darkened, or a sub stitution made.

"What *place* has been designated to th presentation?" A program or announcemen that would be out of place in the sanctuar may be effective in a social hall. The siz of the room and the seating of the audienc will affect amplification, projection, or an kind of audio-visual exhibit.

Because of the effects of size, most larg crowds are handled professionally by peopl employed for their technical skill and train ing. Professional equipment also differs fron the equipment suitable for use in a home small school, or average church. This mean that generally, to get your money's worth hire only the best for large groups. For ou regular work, or the opportunities filled non professionally, there should be study, plan ning, and then a presentation based on many of the situations which we have just con sidered.

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